



Kentucky Writing

A Cluster Leader Electronic Message

A Writing Update from the KDE Writing Consultants

Summer 2008

Training Opportunities

Summer 2008—Instructional Support

Many cluster leaders have emailed to ask about summer training. While there will not be a face-to-face training this summer, we will provide some instructional support for reflective writing in two phases. First, we will work on looking at the ultimate goal of reflective writing (learning more effectively and writing reflectively about literacy). Then, we will provide Phase II that focuses on effective instructional practices to help students reflect on their learning.

We have placed an interactive PowerPoint online at this site. You may decide to review it first individually and then with staff members. The PowerPoint, developed by Linda Leugers at The Collaborative for Teaching and Learning, offers teachers an opportunity to look at characteristics of reflective writing in actual student work. The goal is to help teachers understand the thinking processes that contribute to effective reflection and to help them apply these concepts to instruction.

The second phase of the instructional support will follow in late April. The writing consultants are currently working on a document to help teachers scaffold instruction to assist students with reflection. More information will be forthcoming about the second phase.

First-year Cluster Leader Training/Support, 2008-2009

In mid-October, first year cluster leaders will be provided training to help orient them to the responsibilities of being a cluster leader. If you are a first year cluster leader, you will receive more information about this opportunity in future communication.

Meanwhile, it may be helpful for first year or any new cluster leader (1-3 years experience) to access last year's new cluster leader information on the [KDE](#) and [WebEx websites](#).

To access the print materials on the [KDE website](#), scroll down to the **2007-2008 New Cluster Leader Training**. Then, you may choose to view the online session for new cluster leaders

from 2007-2008. Visit WebEx and click on "Recorded Sessions." You should scroll down through the archived sessions until you see "**New Cluster Leader Training 2007-2008.**"

Instructional DVD Online

We have placed the video clips from the DVD released last fall, *Teaching the Writer: What Students Need*. You may access the viewing guide and the closed-captioned clips on the [KDE Website](#).

Kentucky Marker Papers Update

The new *Kentucky Marker Papers* will be released in early Fall. More information will be forthcoming about the specifics of the release.

Please bookmark this site. All of our writing resource and training materials are on this site.



For your convenience, Cluster Leader Electronic Messages are archived on our Writing Resources Web page on the KDE site.